

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are made to replace the as-field sequence listing with the Sequence Listing attached hereto, and to insert the required SEQ ID NO identifiers for each listed sequence. Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

REPLY TO THE NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

Oath or Declaration of the Inventors

The Notification requires a new Oath or Declaration because the spelling of the second inventor's first name does allegedly not correspond with the spelling on the published application.

In response, Applicants respectfully submit that the spelling of the second inventor's full name on the declaration has been transliterated to

Kouichi ITOH

Further to MPEP § 201.03, a transliteration error in the spelling of an inventor's name does not require a new oath or declaration. Thus, Applicants request withdrawal of this requirement in the Notification.

Requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825 and Sequence Listing

The Notification requires an amendment in accordance with the Sequence Listing as well as a Statement that the Sequence Listing is identical with the computer readable form of the Sequence Listing.


In response, Applicants herein submit the required items.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that all items required prior to the examination have been submitted. Thus, commencement of the examination is hereby respectfully requested.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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